

(RdRP), wherein the first DNA sequence is at least 40% homologous to a second DNA sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleic acid molecule coding for a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- (b) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the coding region of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- (c) a part of any one of the DNA sequences of (a) or (b) that encode a polypeptide having the enzymatic activity of an RNA-directed RNA polymerase (RdRP); and
- (d) a full-length complement of the DNA sequence of any one of (a) through (c).

54. (Added) The DNA molecule according to claim 53, wherein the first DNA sequence is at least 60% homologous to the second DNA sequence.

55. (Added) The DNA molecule according to claim 53, wherein the first DNA sequence is more than 80% homologous to the second DNA sequence.

56. (Added) The DNA molecule according to claim 53, wherein the first DNA sequence is more than 90% homologous to the second DNA sequence.

57. (Added) A vector comprising the DNA molecule according to any one of claims 53-56.

58. (Added) A host cell comprising the vector according to claim 57.

59. (Added) The host cell according to claim 58, which is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect, worm or mammalian cell.

60. (Added) A host cell comprising an exogenous recombinant DNA molecule comprising the DNA molecule according to any one of claims 53-56.

61. (Added) The host cell according to claim 60, which is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect, worm or mammalian cell.

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